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## TODAY'S SKILLS FOR TOMORROW'S LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

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**Today's Skills for Tomorrow's Libraries** is a three-day conference that explores how today's innovative services and emerging technologies are shaping the future of libraries and the services we provide to our patrons.

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### Spanish Picture Through Middle Grade Books

Submitted by Kathy Cline

If you're looking to enhance the Spanish portion of your library collection, this booklist is for you. Neither the State Library nor I endorse or promote any titles listed, but this content is intended to present potential purchasing options.

#### Picture Books

Title	Format	Grade	SLJ Verdict
<a href="#">Diario de un donjuán del mar</a>	Fiction	K-3	"fun choice"
<a href="#">Isabel y Pedro en su país nuevo</a>	Fiction	K-2	"must have"
<a href="#">El manisero</a>	Fiction	K-2	"great purchase"
<a href="#">All Kinds of Things/Todo tipo de cosas</a>	Bilingual	Toddler-PreS	"great choice"
<a href="#">Una casa monstruos</a>	Fiction	K-2	"humorous title for most collections"
<a href="#">Buenas noches, pequeño Pez Arcoíris</a>	Fiction	PreS-2	"a lovely story" (a Rainbow Fish book)
<a href="#">Cambios</a>	Nonfiction	1-4	"encouraging and informative"
<a href="#">Mi papá es un cowboy</a>	Fiction	2-5	SLJ starred review

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The ND State Library Presents:

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### Pathways Through the Prairie

**Episode 22: Kandi Shape, Library Director at Washburn Public Library**

Learn about Kandi's pathway to the library world and about the fun programs and STEAM kits the library offers.

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# ***BITS OF TRIVIA***

By Stacey Goldade

## Beep! Beep!

Have you ever wondered how the bookmobile came about? According to *The whole library handbook 5* edited by George M. Eberhart, the first iteration of a bookmobile was a book wagon introduced in Maryland in 1905. Mary L. Titcomb, the first librarian at the Washington County Free Library, had the idea to take the books to the county residents instead of expecting them to come to the library. She was confident that this service would cement a friendship with the library, that the roads in the county were good and the cost of upkeeping the wagon would not be too expensive. That book wagon made its first trip in April 1905.

According to 2024 data, North Dakota has 11 bookmobiles and Ward County Public Library has won the Wheelie award for 2025. How cool is it that books can come right to you if you're lucky enough to have bookmobile service in your area?!

History of ND Bookmobiles

# ***A.I. Recap***

By Trevor Martinson

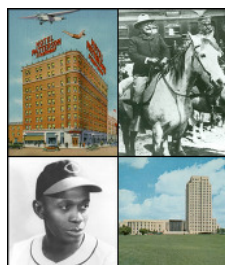
The field of artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly evolving, and it can be challenging to stay on top of the recent developments. To help with this, here is a highlight of some of the more interesting updates from the last several days.

- [Why do lawyers keep using ChatGPT?](#) - The Verge
- [An internal OpenAI doc reveals exactly how ChatGPT may become your "super-assistant" very soon.](#) - MSN
- [Meta becomes the latest big tech company turning to nuclear power for AI needs](#) - AP
- [Students, educators feel positive about AI's impact, but fear its misuse](#) - eSchool News
- [Meta inks a new geothermal energy deal to support AI](#) - The Verge
- [How the Disney-Midjourney Lawsuit Could Reshape the Battle Over AI and Copyright](#) - Time
- [Here's the \\$2,000 fully AI-generated ad that aired during the NBA Finals](#) - The Verge

# ***Digital Collection Spotlight***

By Trevor Martinson

## Bismarck - Capital City Memories



The "Bismarck - Capital City Memories" collection consists of nearly 2,000 images depicting the history of Bismarck, North Dakota, from its early pioneer days through the 1990s.

The collection is a project of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and is available on [Digital Horizons](#).

Digital Horizons

# Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

## What's New in Niche

A couple of new academic library focused tutorials have been uploaded to the Niche Academy: The North Dakota Library Academy. For the Academic Libraries category, a couple of newly produced Niche Academy webinars have been uploaded and added.

### Category – Academic Libraries

New Tutorial: [\*Niche Academy Webinar - Creating Learner Centered Tutorials\*](#)

This introduces the process of creating learner-centered tutorials, streamlining the design process and producing effective tutorials that increase their impact and effectiveness.

New Section: [\*Academic Libraries > Working with Adult Students\*](#)

New Tutorial: *Niche Academy Webinar - Adult Learning in the Library*

New Tutorial: *Niche Academy Webinar - Andragogy: Understanding Adult Learners*

New Tutorial: *Niche Academy Webinar - Instructional Design for Adult Learners: A Primer*

Access these and hundreds of other great tutorials and professional development resources on Niche Academy.

**Niche Academy**

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